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**WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PASSPORT FRAUD**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today announced that Yvonne Nanaesi Boham, of Ghana, currently residing at 107 Tremont Ave., East Orange, New Jersey, appeared in United States District Court and pled guilty to one count of Passport Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C.A. §1542.

Boham, a citizen of Ghana, attempted to obtain a United States passport by falsely stating on a passport application that she was born in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Boham also attached a counterfeit birth certificate to her application that purported to show that she was born in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Boham's passport application was received and reviewed by the National Passport Center in Portsmouth, where the fraudulent application and birth certificate were discovered. On September 5, 2002, following Boham's indictment in U.S. District Court in New Hampshire, federal agents arrested Boham in New York.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "Our concern for our nation's security and the integrity of our borders requires that we prosecute any case in which a person ineligible to obtain a United States passport attempts to obtain one by fraudulent means."

This case was part of "Operation Checkmate," an initiative by the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The defendant will be sentenced on April 28, 2003. This case is being handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Helen Fitzgibbon.